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SUBJECT: AUGUST 31 RADIO ADDRESS BY TRAN VAN HUONG

1. TRAN VAN HUONG HAD HIS FINAL RADIO ADDRESS EVENING AUGUST 31. HUONG USED SPEECH TO "CLARIFY A NUMBER OF POINTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT MISSUNDERSTANDINGS. "ON THE WAR, HUONG SAID

FRATRICIDAL VIETNAMESE STRUGGLE MUST BE ENDED, BUT AT SAME TIME FREEDOM MUST BE DEFENDED. VIET-NAM NOW LACKS TWO FACTORS ESSENTIAL FOR RESTORATION OF PEACE: FIRST IS STRONG NATIONAL AUTHORITY, SECOND IS LEADER IN WHOM PEOPLE CAN TRUST. COUNTRY MUST BE STRENGTHENED AND UNITED BEFORE GOING TO CONFERENCE TABLE.

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"WE ARE PRESENTLY TOO WEAK TO ENGAGE IN PEACE TALKS AS WELL AS TOO DIVIDED TO ACHIEVE THE REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY."

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2. HUONG THEN ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO ARMED FORCES. OBJECT OF SOLDIERS' STRUGGLE IS DEFENSE OF PEACE AGAINST THOSE WHO THREATEN NATION, NOT ANNIHILATION OF AN ALIEN IDEOLOGY. SOLDIERS ARE BELOVED SONS OF COUNTRY; THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN RESPECT AND TREATMENT

THEY DESERVE. ARMED FORCES NEED UNITED SUPPORT OF PEOPLE. THOSE WHO FOSTER DIVISIONS AMONG PEOPLE ARE OBJECTS OF CONTEMPT. HISTORY SHOWS THAT IF COUNTRY IS UNITED, ARMED FORCES WILL BE ABLE TO SECURE VICTORY AND CREATE CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR RESTORATION OF PEACE.
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